

Geospatial One Stop Project

Charter for the Intergovernmental Board of Directors

- 1. Purpose and Authority:** This Charter establishes a Board of Directors (Board) for the Geospatial One Stop E-Government Project. The Geospatial One Stop Project will enhance the accessibility, affordability, and utility of geospatial information for all levels of government for the benefit of the public. The Geospatial One Stop has its roots in the President's Management Agenda of August 2001 and is consistent with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16, revised August 2002. The purpose of the Board is to assure participation by all levels of government in the direction of the Geospatial One Stop.
- 2. Responsibility:** The Board provides oversight and guidance for the Geospatial One Stop Project (Project) and makes recommendations to the Managing Partner and OMB regarding the project. The Board ensures that the needs of non-federal governments as well as the federal government are addressed regarding data and services that will assist in spatially enabling the delivery of government services.
- 3. Chair:** In developing the "Quicksilver" projects under the President's Management Agenda, OMB designated the E-Gov leader at the US Department of the Interior (Interior) as the Managing Partner of Geospatial One Stop. Interior will therefore chair the Board, and is responsible both to OMB and the Board for the initiative's success. This is consistent with the government wide leadership role identified for Interior in OMB Circular A-16, its authority under the US Geological Survey's Organic Act at 43 U.S.C. 31, et seq., and the US Geological Survey's annual appropriations language.
- 4. Membership:** Members will be Federal, State, local and tribal government organizations that provide broad representation of spatial data and technology interests. Each Member may designate a primary representative to the Board, and an alternate. The Chair may add additional Members. Federal government Members will include agencies that are designated as Federal leads for Framework themes of data by OMB Circular A-16. Initial Members of the Geospatial One Stop Board of Directors are as follows:
 - International City/County Management Association
 - Intertribal GIS Council
 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - National Association of Counties
 - National Association of State Chief Information Officers
 - National League of Cities
 - National States Geographic Information Council
 - US Department of Commerce
 - US Department of the Interior
 - US Department of Transportation
 - Western Governors' Association

5. Support to the Board: Initial staff support will be provided by:

- Geospatial One Stop Project Management Staff;
- Federal Geographic Data Committee Staff; and
- Public Technology Inc.

6. Initial Responsibilities of the Board:

- Approve data standards for submission to standards approval authority.
- Approve the design of the Portal.
- Ensure meaningful Federal, State, Local and Tribal government participation in the various components of the Project.
- Provide policy guidance for private sector involvement in the Project.
- Recommend mechanisms for cooperative funding for the evolution of the Project.
- Ensure that a Project architecture is developed based on IT standards to support interoperability for users and contributors and that it provides a blueprint for future project evolution.

7. Procedures:

- Each Member has one vote. The Chair is ex officio without a vote. A quorum of at least 7 Members, present physically or by phone, is required for the Board to act. At least 7 votes on the prevailing side are required for Board action. Members may vote by proxy given to other Board Members, including the Chair.
- As a Board of Directors for the Geospatial One Stop Project, Members will provide representation for the membership of their respective organizations. Decisions made by the Board are not legally binding on the organizations represented on the Board or their memberships. Implementation of the Geospatial One Stop Project results and products will be governed by the policies and procedures of each affected government and organization.
- The actions of the Board do not constitute action or approval where authorities are vested in other organizations, such as ANSI for approval of National Standards, or the FGDC Steering Committee for endorsement of Federal data standards.
- Additional roles and procedures may be established by a vote of the Board if such roles and procedures are consistent with the needs of the Project and the President's E-Gov Strategy.

8. Coordinating Mechanisms: The Board will employ those tools that are best suited to meeting its responsibilities and accomplishing its tasks. It will coordinate its work with other E-Gov and Federal Geographic Data Committee components.

9. Amendment: The Board may revise this Charter as needed to better direct the Project.

10. Termination: The Board is established for the duration of the Geospatial One Stop Project, currently projected to be July 2004. The Board will automatically terminate 30 days after the completion of the final Project milestone, as set by the Board.

Approved: Scott Cameron Date: 10/9/02
Chair

Approved: R. L. H. Date: 10/9/02
International City/County
Management Association

Approved: Bob Powers Date: 4/13/02
Intertribal GIS Council

Approved: Myra Bartacus Date: 10/9/02
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration

Approved: Randy Jensen Date: 10/9/02
National Association of Counties

Approved: John P. Date: 10/29/2002
National Association of State
Chief Information Officers

Approved: Brian J. O'Neill Date: 10/9/02
National League of Cities

Approved: Robert D. Smith Date: 11/5/02
National States Geographic
Information Council

Approved: Margaret Stachura Date: 11/1/02
US Department of Commerce

Approved: R. Thomas Kleimer Date: 10/24/02
US Department of the Interior

Approved: [Signature] Date: 10/24/02
US Department of Transportation

Approved: Jim Springer Date: 11/08/02
Western Governors' Association